

CHHS June 2009 Newsletter

Mayor Signs Proclamation Declaring May, 2009, as Older American's Month

On Wednesday, May 13, Dr. Dana Bradley hosted a reception at the Faculty House to induct the new members into the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, a national academic honor & professional society in gerontology. During this reception, Senior Scholars from Village Manor were also honored, and Mayor Walker presented the proclamation declaring May as Older American's Month.



Sigma Phi Omega was established in 1980 to recognize excellence of those who study gerontology and aging and the outstanding service of professionals who work with or on behalf of older persons.

There are 14 new members of Sigma Phi Omega: 6 students (Hannah Maupin, Maggie Roe, Megan Scanlan, Rachael Tharp, Leann Thomas, & Rebecca Wharton) , 4 faculty members (Jae Kim-Department of Public Health, Amy Krull-Department of Sociology, Virginia Pfohl-Department of Psychology, & Susan Wesley-Department of Social Work) ,and 4 professional members of the community (Melanie Eaton-Executive Director of Village Manor, Denise Hendrix-Program Director for Village Manor, Michelle Hines-Aging Services Director, BRADD, & Ruth Morgan-Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Comfort Keepers) .

After the induction ceremony, a gift bag including a certificate of deepest appreciation was presented to the Village Manor Senior Scholars. The seniors were recognized for their wisdom, kindness, and service to Honors Gerontology 100. Students enrolled in Honors Gerontology 100 go to Village Manor weekly and meet with the Senior Scholars there. "It is a learning experience on both ends, the Senior Scholars gain knowledge from the students as well, but I feel like we gain much more knowledge from them (the Senior Scholars)" said Dr. Bradley.

To close out the reception, Mayor Elaine Walker presented Dr. Dana Bradley with a proclamation signed by Judge Executive Mike Buchanon & her that declared May 2009 as Older Americans Month. With this proclamation, all citizens are urged to take time in May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them.



Spike Lee Speaks at Diddle Arena

On May 7, the students of WKU and members of the Bowling Green community and surrounding areas flocked to Diddle Arena to hear acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee speak. Lee has produced many independent films such as "Do the Right Thing", "Malcolm X", "Inside Man", and "Miracle at St. Anna". He was introduced to the arts at a young age by his parents. "My parents made me the way I am today," Lee said, "they were always dragging me to shows, even when I didn't want to go."



Lee spoke on topics such as pursuing your passions and making sure that your career is self rewarding. "If you know what makes you the happiest, that is the way to go." Lee emphasized the importance of fulfilling your dreams and accomplishing personal goals. Leaving goals and dreams unaccomplished will create personal regret.

Lee said that his filmmaking is not actually work for him, because it is something that he enjoys doing. He hopes that everyone will find the job that they enjoy and do not dread going to everyday.

"An Evening with Spike Lee" was co-sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the School of Journalism & Broadcasting; Potter College of Arts & Letters; Campus Activities Board; College Heights Herald; Departments of English and Film Studies, Folk Studies and Anthropology, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Theatre and Dance; Information Technology; Student Government Association; University College; The Women's Studies Program and the Office of Diversity.

To read more about Spike Lee, please visit <http://www.apbspeakers.com/speaker/spike-lee>

WKU has Record Number of Spring Graduates

WKU's enrollment is growing, as noted by the record 19,785 students last fall. And so it comes as no surprise that in WKU's 165th commencement ceremony, degrees were conferred to 1,946 students, a record number of spring graduates. This year, the ceremony was split up into three sections: the graduate ceremony on Friday night and two undergraduate ceremonies on Sunday afternoon.

Emily Turner of Greenville KY was recognized as the Ogden Foundation Scholar during the 5pm ceremony. The Ogden Foundation Scholar is presented to one graduating baccalaureate degree senior who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding university and civic engagement. Turner is a biology major, chemistry minor, and enrolled in the Pre-Dental program. After graduation from WKU, she plans to attend dental school.

WKU recognized 22 other Scholars of the College who had the highest GPAs in their colleges while completing at least 64 credit hours at WKU. Of those, four were from CHHS. Kindall Brown of Louisville, a nursing major, Amanda Carlton of Dawson Springs, a communication disorders major, Hannah Embry of Philpot, a communication disorders major, and Stephanie Padgett of Vine Grove, a communication disorders major.

Congratulations to Dr. Bonaguro for receiving the AAHE Fellow Award

Dean John Bonaguro was awarded the 2009 American Association for Health Education (AAHE) Fellow Award. This award recognized his meritorious, substantive and consistent service and leadership on national AAHE committees and boards along with his service to the health education profession. He also received the 2009 AAHE Professional Service to Health Education Award.

